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AFI 51-401, dated 19 July 1994 is supplemented as follows. This supplement establishes major command (MAJCOM) specific training and reporting timelines. Implements Chief of Staff of the Air force (CSAF) policy on restructured reporting of ancillary training. It also institutes mandatory interim reporting period. It applies to all United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) units involved in this type of Training and Reporting. It does not apply to Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) or Air National Guard (ANG) units. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 37-123, *Management of Records* and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at: <https://webrims.amc.af.mil>.

3.1.1. (Added) In accordance with CSAF policy, training on the Law of Armed Conflict will be conducted every 15-months. In addition, training will be delivered just prior to deployment, regardless of whether a member has already received training within the current 15-month period. Optimally, members should receive training during the 2-month training period just prior to the deployment window (Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) Pair) to which an individual is assigned.

3.1.2. (Added) Judge Advocates will advise and assist commanders in the delivery of training. Training is available by two delivery mechanisms. Members may receive training online with a locally approved CBT module or commanders may coordinate with servicing legal functions to deliver training in standard briefing format. All USAFE installations may direct individual training via the USAFE Training Web Site at https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/usafe_training/.

3.1.2.1. (Added) Senior judge advocates at base level legal offices will supervise the conduct of Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) briefings. Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) may authorize enlisted paralegal craftsmen (7-skill level) with adequate training and experience to deliver training. Before allowing paralegals to train base personnel, SJAs should consult with law office managers on the ability of a particular para-

legal to deliver training. Areas to consider are rank of the individual, paralegal experience, specialized legal training, and current duty position.

3.2.1. (Added) Legal offices will report training progress using the JAG Unified Automated Reporting system (JAGUARS) on-line LOAC training reporting database at https://aflsa.jag.af.mil/flite/training/jaguar/loac/loac_home.php for all personnel for which they are responsible. To comply with United States European Command (USEUCOM) reporting requirements, interim reporting will be made no later than the last duty day of the month during the months of February, May, August, and November. Reports must be made final not later than 14 days prior to the end of the 15-month reporting period.

3.3. (Added) In accordance with DoDD 5100.77, *DoD Law of War Program*, training will be “so that the principles of the law of war will be known to members, the extent of such knowledge to be commensurate with each individual’s duties and responsibilities”. As such, USAFE legal functions will devise training plans that enhance the operational effectiveness of specialized functional areas where standard briefings may not fully satisfy this requirement. Functional areas to consider are: Security Force; Medical Services; Combat Controllers; and Chaplain Services.

3.4. (Added) In accordance with EUCOM Directive 45-1, and to the maximum extent possible, senior judge advocates and base exercise evaluation teams will incorporate law of war violations/ scenarios to evaluate exercise participants’ knowledge of the law and the effectiveness of training. Staff Judge Advocates will review after action reports of base level exercises to determine deficiencies and take corrective action where needed.

Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

DoDD 5100.77, *DoD Law of War Program*

EUCOM Directive 45-1, *Law of War Program*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AEF—Air Expeditionary Force

CSAF—Chief of Staff of the Air Force

LOAC—Law of Armed Conflict

USAFE—United States Air Forces in Europe

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